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Westland to offer financial pandemic aid

Westland residents will soon have some additional resources to help with the devastation caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Members of the Westland City Council approved a funding allocation plan to utilize $657,944 in special Community Development Block Grant-CV funding for a range of actions to help prevent and respond to both the spread of the coronavirus and the economic impact in the wake of the pandemic.

Councilwoman Tasha Green cast the only no vote on the plans to help local residents adversely affected by COVID-19.

The federal program authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will provide $657,944 to fund the implementation of an array of programming to serve the community which must adhere to guidelines issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

> *"Our team will be working diligently to get these programs up and running as quickly as possible.*

Included in the proposal, approved by members of the Westland City Council May 4, was a provision to use $219,069 of the CDBG-CV funds to establish a grant program for Westland families to assist with rent or mortgage payments for a period of up to six months. This program aligns with the federal initiative of homelessness prevention and is designed to assist families suffering financial hardships due to income loss as a result of COVID-19, officials said.

The proposal also includes an allocation for the establishment of an employee retention grant program for local small businesses that employ low to moderate income employees in order to promote job retention. The plan allocates $279,220 for that program.

In addition, the city will utilize $28,067 for the purchase of personal protection equipment (PPE) to be provided to small enterprises and residents who cannot secure PPE. This includes masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, no-touch thermometers and protective gowns.

The remaining allocation will be used to administer the project and to cover any necessary purchases or personnel costs to implement the programs, according to officials.

"I am grateful to the Westland City Council for approving this proposal quickly so we can get to work providing these critical resources to those in need in our community," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Our team will be working diligently to get these programs up and running as quickly as possible."

The target date for opening the funding program is June 1.

All in the family

Niece donates kidney to Canton woman

Marcileen Pruitt of Canton Township had a very special Mother's Day this year and expects to celebrate more, thanks to some help from her extended family.

Pruitt, 48, is living with renewed vigor after receiving a kidney from her niece last October. She said she feels better than she had in years.

"My energy level started to increase. I noticed then that I really must have been dragging before," said Pruitt, an attorney for the City of Southfield. "I have lots of energy now to do different things - to walk and ride my bike and things like that. That has been great."

Pruitt was diagnosed with Lupus in 2010, but the condition didn't affect her kidneys right away. She had to go on emergency dialysis in 2014 because her creatinine levels were so high. Her kidneys responded to the treatment but were damaged. About a year later they were still not improving, so her doctors suggested she visit a transplant surgeon and go on the organ transplant waiting list. That was 2016.

Simone Scott

She prepared herself for a long wait. It is not uncommon to wait years for an available organ according to Gift of Life of Michigan. There are more than 100,000 people on the waiting list across the country and in Michigan, there are more than 2,200 patients awaiting a new kidney. On average, someone in the United States dies every 10 minutes waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, according to statistics.

Pruitt's older sister was one of those who did not receive a life-saving transplant. Also diagnosed with Lupus, she died in 2011 from kidney disease, in part because Lupus made scheduling a kidney transplant difficult.

"Every time she would get close, she would have another Lupus attack and they would postpone the procedure until it was under control," Pruitt said.

That was part of the reason Pruitt's niece, Simone Scott, decided to get tested to see if she would be a match for her aunt. She said she didn't want Pruitt's son, Christian, to grow up without his mom.

"I never felt like I was doing anything out of the ordinary," said Scott, a 35-year-old resident of Houston, Texas. "I just felt like it was something I should do."

Scott decided to get tested in 2019 and in August learned that she would be a perfect match. The transplant was scheduled for Oct. 4 at the Michigan Medicine transplant center.

"A lot of my friends said I was crazy, but it never felt that way to me," Scott said. "I looked at the bigger picture."

The Pruitt's brother, Tyrone Scott, drove them to the hospital together and, when staff learned they were related, they were allowed to prepare for and recover from the procedure next to each other.

"That was comforting. We could all be in one area together before we went into surgery," Pruitt said. "I have a very strong faith so there was a calm over me, but I was still a bit uneasy. Obviously, I wanted her to be okay; I didn't want her to be hurt or anything."

Marcileen Pruitt

The transplant was a success. Surgeons told Pruitt that her new kidney started working immediately. Six months later, both women show no adverse effects. Scott called it a "blip on the radar." Pruitt said she intends to volunteer with Gift of Life Michigan, the state organ donation program, spreading the word about the need for organ donors among minority populations and helping to break down some of the misconceptions about the process.

Oftentimes, opposition to organ donor is rooted in the family or word-of-mouth experiences. Pruitt said her own mother was opposed to it - she would not allow any of her father's organs to be recovered

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Death of area icon Theola Jones is mourned

An icon in the City of Inkster, Theola McKay Jones, 91, died May 1.

Mrs. Jones was born Feb. 2, 1929 in the home of her paternal grandmother, Sophie Jackson, in Hot Springs, ALA, the daughter of Velma Vandalia Rickmon and Theodore Shaw Jackson.

The family moved to Inkster in 1938 and Mrs. Jones graduated fourth in her class from Inkster High School in 1947 and was a member of the first Inkster High School cheerleaders squad, was the editor of the 1947 yearbook and was voted as the "most popular girl" by her classmates.

She married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Aaron Jones Jr., whom she met at Lincoln Elementary School when they were 7 years old. The couple were the parents of three children; Aaron III, Rita Denise and Dennis Keith

While Mrs. Jones was the recipient of multiple awards, honors and recognitions,, her primary focus in life was always her children and family. She enjoyed a special relationship with her son-in-law, Lloyd and daughter-in-law, Regina.

Mrs. Jones cared for her elderly mother for 20 years before her death while also caring for her husband who became ill during that time. She cared for her husband for more than 38 years until his death in 2014. Those experiences prompted her to write her book, "The Caregiver's Companion" which was published in 2000 by Proctor Publications.

Mrs, Jones first job at the age of 13 was for the Inkster School District during summer classes at Carver School. She assisted with the serving of lunch for the students and was paid .25 cents for her work. After graduating from high school, she took a job in the meat department at Allen's Super Market until the advent of Civil Service in Wayne County in 1948. She took the Civil Service test and achieved a 91.3 score and was among the first African Americans to break the color

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Theola Jones

Belleville - Northville

Death of former Van Buren Fire Chief is mourned

Retired Van Buren Fire Chief David Cameron McInally, 77, died May 1 at St. Joseph's Hospital due to complications from COVID-19 impacted by other health conditions.

Mr. Cameron was born March 13, 1943 to Aubrey and Esther McInally.

He graduated from Mandeville High School in 1961 and went on to attend Alma College. He lived in Rankin from his birth until the age of 45. During that time he worked in the family business (McInally's Hardware and Gift Shop), at MetLife, and for Mundy Township as a building inspector.

Mr. McInally was a volunteer firefighter on the Mundy Township Fire Department for more than 25 years, serving as the fire chief for a majority of those years. In 1988, he relocated with his family to Van Buren Township, when he accepted a dual fire chief and building director position with Van Buren Township, becoming the first full-time fire chief in the township.. He retired from fire service in 1991 after 29 years, but continued on as the Van Buren Township Director of Developmental Services until retiring from Van Buren in 1997.

In addition to his stellar career in the public sector, he taught firefighting and fire prevention classes throughout his life.

In 2014, Mr. McInally suffered a debilitating stroke and resided in a nursing facility until his death.

"We've lost one of our public safety family members, please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers," said Van Buren Township Director of Public Safety Gregory M. Laurain.

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"McInally was instrumental in the building department. He helped enhance and expand township hall during his career. As fire chief, he was a great leader and man. It's been exciting to watch his son also become a Van Buren fireman and now Fire Marshall at the township. David McInally II has followed in his father's footsteps with great leadership and professionalism," said Township Treasurer Sharry Budd.

"Cameron was a hard worker and was happiest when he had a lot going on. I had the pleasure of working with Cameron not only representing the township supervisor but also on the DDA when it was first established. He brought a lot of innovative ideas to the community and it was easy to see he really cared about Van Buren," said DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland.

Mr. McInally is survived by his five children, Ann Marie Schwieman, JD (nee McInally) of Grand Blanc, Linda Simons (nee McInally) of Grand Blanc, David Cameron McInally II of Van Buren Township, Heather McInally also of Van Buren Township, ("the favorite"), and Rebecca D'Estes of Lo de Marcos, Mexico; a son-in-law, Eric Simons; a daughter-in-law, Susan McInally, and four grandchildren, Grant Klingler, Jacob Simons, Ashley McInally, and Emily McInally.

Mr. McInally was preceded in death by his parents.

His family expressed their gratitude to the staff at Regency at Canton, St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, and U-of-M Hospital Ann Arbor for the exceptional care they provided during Mr. McInally's final days.

A private funeral for his immediate family members was planned at Sharp Funeral Homes in Linden. A gathering will take place at a later date in Belleville so that all Mr. McInally's friends and family can meet to remember him and celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers, donations to Feed the Frontlines Detroit would be appreciated (http://feedthefrontlinesdetroit.com).

Northville council considers programs to help businesses

During a recent virtual meeting of the Northville City Council, officials took action on several issues.

The council members approved a contract for $193,171 with Ram Construction of Livonia for improvements on the parking deck at MainCentre. The contract includes a 10-percent contingency budget of $19,317 for a not-to-exceed project total of $212,488. This is the second deck to undergo major work in the last year, officials noted. In fall 2019, Ram repaired and renovated the parking deck at the northeast corner of Cady and Center, coming in under budget and finishing sooner than planned, officials said.

The council members also reduced fees for restaurant/café outdoor dining by 50 percent. The fee reduction is effective for both the application and square footage fees. The reduction was an effort to assist businesses that suspended indoor dining operations due to the governor's Stay Home Stay Safe order in response to the COVID-10 pandemic. The city will issue refunds to restaurant/cafe owners who have already paid in full for 2020, officials said.

The purchase of a new street sweeper was approved at a price of $215,928, which includes a $9,000 trade in credit. The new machine is a new 2020 Elgin Pelican Sweeper purchased from Bell Equipment Company. The price was negotiated through the State of Michigan MiDeal public bidding program.

> *DDA Director Lori Ward also suggested that retailers be able to have sidewalk displays of merchandise when they reopen.*

The equipment will be funded with $146,278 from committed racetrack breakage revenue in the general fund and $69,650 through the Downtown Development Authority, payable over 15 years, officials said.

Street sweeping is performed throughout downtown Northville regularly and twice yearly in residential areas. A full sweep of the city includes 25 miles, according to a city spokesman.

During the public comment portion of the agenda Brian Scherle and Paul Gabriel, co-owners of Brown Dog Parlor, suggested allowing restaurants to expand outdoor seating on weekends to sidewalks, curbside parking spaces and potentially on the street. The streets could be closed to accommodate the effort to make the downtown area a fun, safe environment with the allotted physical distancing, they told council members.

DDA Director Lori Ward, who met previously virtually with other area DDA directors, also suggested that retailers be able to have sidewalk displays of merchandise when they reopen. Theresa Schierloh, owner of Dancing Eye Gallery, said she supports expanded outdoor retail sales and merchandising, and suggested adding more dedicated locations for curbside pick-up.

Council members discussed these suggestions and others in preparation for implementing new policies for reopening restaurant/retail business operations, although no action was taken.

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Mother faces murder charges in stabbing of son

The mother of a 3-year-old child has been arrested and is facing first-degree murder charges in connection with the stabbing death of the boy.

Atiya Nina Muhammed, 26, was arrested May 6 after the child's decomposing body was discovered inside an Inkster home on Lehigh Street between Inkster and Beech Daly, south of Michigan Avenue. Officers and medics were called to the home at about 2:44 p.m. by concerned relatives who requested a welfare check on the mother and child. Officers discovered the deceased body of Muhammed's son, Zion Reid, in a back bedroom in a state of decomposition, according to a report from the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

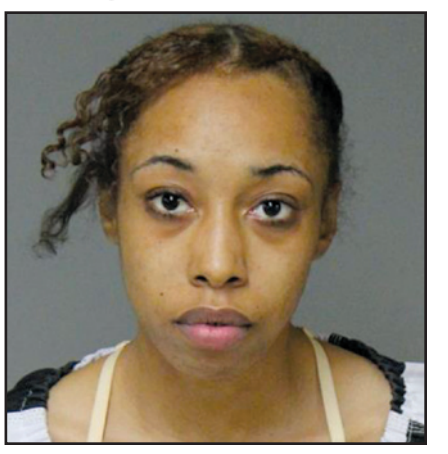
The child was transported to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office where it was determined that he died from multiple stab wounds and blunt force trauma injuries, according to the prosecutor's report.

Police initially reported Muhammed missing but she was arrested later the same day by officers from the Inkster Police Department with the assistance of the Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Task Force, a group of local law enforcement departments that work together to locate fugitives.

Muhammed has been charged with first degree premeditated murder, felony murder, child abuse first degree and torture.

She was arraigned on the charges, all felonies, by video in 34th District Court on Sunday, May 10. Each of the charges carries a maximum penalty of life in prison upon conviction.

Muhammed was remanded to the Wayne County Jail by Inkster Police officers where she will remain until her next court appearance on the charges which is scheduled for May 27 before Judge Sabrina Johnson in the 22nd District Court in Inkster.



Atiya Nina Muhammed

Fish & Loaves serves Romulus families during crisis

Fish & Loaves, a non-profit community food pantry that helps serve the nutritional needs of seven Southeastern Michigan communities, remains open. The agency, formed in 2008 at 25670 Northline Road, began drive-up service this month for thousands of clients.

"We can remain open because of the many passionate and committed volunteers answering each and every call to secure a basic necessity food," said Mary Hollens, executive director of Fish & Loaves. "Fish & Loaves moved forward successfully providing drive-up only services for food distribution to our clients."

Considering the COVID-19 virus the organization made service changes early on to close the pantry and intake and administrative offices to clients, visitors and volunteer groups and to cancel all meetings at the site.

Service hours remain 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 7 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The pantry is closed Thursdays, Saturday and Sundays.

The largest client-choice food pantry in the State of Michigan, Fish & Loaves has relied on fundraising events, donations, food drives and volunteerism throughout the year to keep shelves stocked. COVID-19 and the CDC protocols have been a tremendous challenge to pantry capacity as it has to the community.

A small contingent of volunteers continues to schedule appointments and field food requests over the phone, via email and on Fish & Loaves social media channels. Other volunteers pre-pack large grocery carts with more than 110 pounds of food, including fresh produce, for the now-drive-up-clients. Appointments are confirmed and checked off the schedule outside with the 6-foot distancing CDC recommendation in place at Fish & Loaves, Hollens said.

More than 140 senior citizens drove up to Fish & Loaves in their motor vehicles last week to receive temporary emergency food known as TEFAP, "The Emergency Food Assistance Program." TEFAP takes place monthly throughout the year, but with COVID-19 and the challenges experienced by many senior citizens just getting into a grocery store - and the fact that seniors are in the most vulnerable population category, Hollens said, "our numbers are increasing."

"We're looking at a record year for services for families, individuals and senior citizens," Hollens said. "People put their trust in Fish & Loaves to be there and we are working hard to serve our mission 'Ensuring No One Goes Hungry.'"

Hollens said COVID-19 comes at a critical time for Fish & Loaves as food shelves need restocking while children are out of school. Community food options are contracting for some and the need for food-related assistance continues with no decrease in sight.

Hollens said it usually takes more than $20,000 a month for the non-profit organization to provide food to the needy residents in the service area, which includes Romulus among several other communities. The effects of the COVID-19 virus have increased that figure dramatically. Online financial donations at www.flcfp.org make a huge difference.

Hollens said she is grateful to those that have supported the pantry throughout the 12-year history of Fish & Loaves.

Additional company and individual support at any level is welcome. For more information on these opportunities, contact Fish and Loaves at (734) 992-6284.

Romulus families are among the residents being helped by Fish & Loaves with food during the ongoing Coronaviris pandemic which has devastated the country.

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY - VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
The City Clerk gave a brief explanation of the Governor's Executive Orders 2020-15 and 2020-21 which suspends all in-person government activities not necessary to sustain or protect life and allows the city council meeting to be held electronically. The clerk further gave instructions on how the public can join the meeting and participate in the public comment section of the meeting.
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Willi ams
Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda
A. Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of the Agenda.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes
A. **Res # 20-104**
Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on March 23, 2020.
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
Res. # 20-105
Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to reschedule the City-Wide No Fee Garage Sale to June 11, 12, 13 and 14, 2020, to include rain dates on the following weekend.
Motion Carried Unanimously
A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Chairperson's Report.
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
A. **Res. #20-106** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Resolution for Permit Authority Designation to Roberto Scappaticci, Kathy Hood, and OHM Engineers, Robert Maynes and Richard Hobgood.
Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
A. **Res. #20-107** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-17
Motion Carried Unanimously
B. **Res. #20-108** Moved by **Eva Webb** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** for approval to implement the PAYS Program as described in the Wayne County Treasurer's Notice of Intent.
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment
One resident requested to speak and asked if the email system can be utilized to inform residents with information concerning water bills and yard waste pick-up. The Mayor responded that the city has an email blast and will look into getting that information out.

9. Unfinished Business
Councilman Wadsworth announced that this year's Romulus Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon is cancelled and rescheduled for May 7, 2021. He also thanked the 75 individuals who signed-up to bowl in this year's fundraiser.

10. New Business

11. Warrant
A. **Res. # 20-109** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for approval of Warrant 20-7 for checks presented in the amount of $808,949.20.
Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication
- Councilwoman Talley reminded everyone to complete the 2020 Census.
- Councilwoman Williams announced the Forgotten Harvest food giveaway on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at the Romulus High School parking lot, starting at 2:00 p.m.
- Councilman Barden announced that Helping Hands is in need of food donations.

13. Adjournment
A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** for Adjournment.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 13, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 2020
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY - VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilman William Wadsworth
The City Clerk announced that the council meeting was being held electronically in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-15 which suspends all in-person government activities not necessary to sustain or protect life and allows the city council meeting to be held electronically. The Clerk further gave instructions on how the public can join the meeting and participate in the public comment section of the meeting.
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: None
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig Bragg, Clerk
Stacey Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda
A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for approval of the Agenda.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Minutes
A. **Res. # 20-110** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** for approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on 4/13/2020.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
Res. #20-111 Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the Administration and the Human Resources Director's recommendation to approve the Tentative Agreement for the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Romulus and the Teamsters Local 214, to be effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
A. Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Mayor Burcroff extended birthday wishes to the Clerk and Councilpersons Talley and Wadsworth; and he acknowledged and thanked the team, elected officials, and IT Director, Steve Dudek for working together to utilize technology to hold the electronic public meetings and keep government moving forward.
A. **Res. #20-112** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Resolution Regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) - City to continue the State of Emergency for the City of Romulus until the expiration of the Governor's State of Emergency and any extensions of that State of Emergency by the Legislature.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
B. **Res. #20-113** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Construction Services MDOT Tri-party Agreement with ROWE Engineering for the Beverly Road Phase I (Middlebelt to Beverly Court) project. The agreement proposal outlines a construction service plan with a cost of $164,376.04. Note that 80% of this cost will be paid by the State of Michigan.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
C. **Res. #20-114** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement and Park Improvement Grant with Wayne County (pending approval by Wayne County Commissioners), accepting the awarded $24,895.00 grant for improvements to McAnally Park located on 6127 Cordell Street and Jimmy Raspberry Park, located on 36289 Cypress Street to update and reopen these parks. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig Bragg, Clerk

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer
The City Treasurer reminded residents to utilize the drop box to make their payments. The drop box is checked daily.

8. Public Comment - No one from the public requested to speak, via teleconferencing or email.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business
Councilman Wadsworth commented that in the last 5 days, in Wayne County, the number of new cases of coronavirus has dropped.

11. Warrant
A. **Res. #20-115** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve Warrant #20-8 for checks presented in the amount of $892,336.10.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Communication
Councilwoman Talley commented on the 2020 Census and reported that the Average National Response rate for the City of Romulus is at 61.7%, which is above the State and County overall response rate. She further congratulated the citizens of Romulus and urged residents to encourage those who have not completed the 2020 Census, to do so. • Councilman Barden extended birthday wishes to the City Clerk and Councilpersons, Talley and Wadsworth. • Councilwoman Webb thanked all of the first responders, city employees, elected officials for their dedicated services through the COVID-19 crisis. • Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone that Forgotten Harvest will be at the HS on Tuesday beginning at 2:00 pm to pass out food; she further announced that any senior citizen in need of face masks and/or gloves can call 734-673-8396. • Councilwoman Roscoe extended her sympathies to the residents who have lost loved ones to COVID-19.

13. Adjournment
A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 27, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Canton - Plymouth

Police discover weapons during traffic stop

Michigan State Police reported finding four handguns, ammunition and a suppressor during a traffic stop in Canton Township earlier this month.

Michigan State Troopers executed a traffic stop along southbound Interstate-275 in Canton Wednesday morning, May 6.

The stop was part of an increased traffic patrol in the area where excessive speed has been seen in the Metro North Post of the Michigan State Police during the pandemic, police said. The Metro South Post is also addressing the issue in Wayne County where speeding motorists have also been a problem.

In this instance, the vehicle also had a boat on a trailer in tow. The driver and other passengers in the vehicle told troopers they were on their way to an area in Monroe for a fishing outing. The driver also told troopers than there was a handgun in the vehicle and admitted that he did not have a permit or concealed license for the pistol. Troopers subsequently searched the car and found four handguns, ammunition and the suppressor.

> *We also know that when we conduct traffic enforcement we also stop other crimes.*

The driver was arrested by the troopers at the scene and remained in police custody while the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor determined the charges to be filed.

"We also know that when we conduct traffic enforcement we also stop other crimes," noted a statement from the Michigan State Police.

The suspect's name was not released as no charges had been filed at presstime.

School superintendent reassures parents, students

Superintendent of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Monica Merritt recently addressed area families and staff members regarding the impact of the coronaviris pandemic on the local schools.

Merritt said, "This has been a difficult time for all of us.

"Since the beginning of this unprecedented crisis, our goal has been to provide you with the most timely and important communication in a variety of formats, including these calls on Friday evenings. With our Continuity of Learning Plan now being implemented, and with our educators working hard every day to meet the needs of our students, you will continue to receive your Sunday calls from your building principals, but we will relax the weekly robocalls from me.

"I encourage you to continue contacting your principals and teachers with any questions, concerns, or support you might need, and check the district website on a regular basis. It has been a wonderful experience to provide these regular check-ins with you, and we hope they have been helpful during a time full of challenge and uncertainty.

"While we are not entirely sure what the future will bring us as a school community, what we do know is that these past weeks have highlighted our poise, our resolve, and our ability to handle the adversity of our current times – all while keeping the needs of our students as our number one priority. We cannot thank our staff, families, and of course our students enough for the way that you have continued to support P-CCS and navigate the many changes that have occurred.

"We cannot wait for the day when we can see our students again in person, and as a district we will return better than ever as we continue to lead students to Learn, Prepare, and Thrive. No matter what comes our way, we will remain united as a school community to do everything in our ability to ensure a sense of normalcy. Take care of yourselves, and take care of each other," Merritt concluded.

School district to refund fees for cancelled activities

Families hoping to participate in several pay-to-play activities in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district will receive refunds for the fees, according to a district spokesman.

District finance administrators have asked parents not to dispute charges for the fees that may have been paid by credit card, as this complicates the refund process.

Those who paid for extracurricular activities and pay-to-play athletics and clubs along with field trips, community education classes, Kids Time and Club Connection will all receive refunds, according to an email from the district sent to parents.

"Please be assured that the process is ongoing and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we seek to accurately and timely process each refund," the email stated.

"We also ask during this time that you do not dispute any of these related charges on your credit card bill to allow us a chance to process the refund using our internal methods. Adding a disputed charge claim to the refund process can create an extra challenge with our online payment platform and cause an unnecessary delay and complexity within our records," the email continued.

Music in the Air concerts are postponed in Plymouth

The City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has decided to postpone the first four Music in the Air concerts scheduled for May 29, June 5, June 12 and June 19.

The cancellations are due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the threat to the health and safety of the audience that usually attends the community events.

"While the 14 Friday night concert series was scheduled to begin on May 29 and end on Labor Day weekend, the DDA has decided to extend the season with concerts on Sept. 18 and Sept. 25," said a news release from DDA Director Tony Bruscato.

"Of course, it all depends on the limitations presented by weather, COVID-19 and the potential of early construction in Kellogg Park for the new fountain."

He added that the biggest obstacle will be the continuation of social distancing, "as the popular concert series draws 5,000 visitors to downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park," he said, "and thousands more who visit restaurants and retail establishments."

Bruscato added that the DDA staff would re-evaluate the concert schedule in June.

Gift

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when he died when Pruitt was 10.

"There are so many (African Americans)that need organs, and there's not a lot of us that are willing to donate - or even get tested, or even say 'if something happens to me, I'd be willing to donate,"' she said. "I can imagine that there are a lot of people that have heard things like that and that's the way they feel. But you're not going to use them. If they're perfectly good parts, you should donate them."

In that way, she said, everyone can help others, the way her niece did for her.

"It was such a blessing for my niece to step up to the plate and volunteer to be a donor for me," she said. "It changed my life and my outlook on my future. My quality of life has improved tremendously, and I am so very grateful for her gift that offered me this opportunity."

Gift of Life Michigan is a federally designated organ procurement organization that serves the State of Michigan as the intermediary between donors, their families and hospital staff. In collaboration with Eversight, Gift of Life provides all services necessary for organ, eye and tissue donation. For more information, or to sign up on the Donor Registry, visit www.golm.org or call (866)500-5801.

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30. Help Wanted

Sumpter Township is currently accepting applications for Building Department Clerk.

The Building Department Clerk is responsible for all functions of the Building Department. This is a full time union (AFSCME) position. Excellent wage and benefits. Must have excellent communication skills and detail oriented.

Please submit application, resume and cover letter to Michelle Bellingham, Human Resource Coordinator, MichelleBellingham@sumptertwp.org no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday May 27, 2020. Application and job description available on our website Sumptertwp.org

59. Auctions

Public Auction
Martin's Towing
17180 Dix Toledo
Brownstown MI 48193
May 19, 2020
10:00 am

2008 GMC
1GKFK135X8R242310
2010 CHRYSLER
1C3CC5FBXAN211693
2003 SATURN
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2007 DODGE
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It's never been more important for everyone living in Michigan to be counted in the U.S. census.

The census impacts everyone from seniors to students, kids and parents and our local businesses and neighborhoods. Participating in the census is a civic duty as important as voting to our democracy.

To help get the word out, the state of Michigan has launched the Be Counted campaign to communicate the importance of completing the census, dispel myths and help ensure every Michigander is counted in the 2020 Census.

The census form is available in several different languages in addition to English, including Spanish. You are not required to be a citizen in order to complete the 2020 Census, and there are no citizenship questions on the census form.

The census takes place every 10 years with the goal of counting everyone living in the United States. Invitations to complete the 2020 Census will begin arriving in mailboxes across Southeast Michigan in March.

For the first time, the census can be filled out online, as well as by phone or mail, making it more convenient than ever.

Also, your information is 100% confidential and by law cannot be shared with anyone. Census data is only used to produce demographic statistics and will not be used in a way that will identify you or your household.

Completing the 2020 Census is critical to the future of our state. There is $3,000 in federal funding at stake for every person who completes the census.

The 2020 Census will ask questions about the number of people living in your household on April 1, 2020, and ask their names, ages, genders, race, dates of birth, relationship status, phone numbers and whether your home is owned or rented.

Participation in the census determines funding for local communities and essential services, including public safety, schools, housing, health care, and senior programs. Michigan receives nearly $30 billion per year in federal funding for these and many other critical programs. Census numbers also help determine how many congressional seats Michigan will have.

Be sure to fill out your census form and Be Counted in 2020.

To learn more, visit www.michigan.gov/census2020/.

Kerry Ebersole Singh is Michigan's 2020 Census executive director.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Ward voting may be on November ballot in Wayne

Members of the Wayne City Council are scheduled to discuss ballot language to eliminate or change the ward voting system during their May 19 meeting.

Discussion of the ward voting system was discussed at length during the May 5 electronic meeting of the council members. The current six-ward system, established by a 68-percent majority vote of the public in 2014, allows one city council member from each ward. The original intent of the ballot proposal was to have only the members of each ward vote for the council candidate from their area. Due to some ballot language confusion, the city implemented the current system which allows voters throughout the city to vote on the council member in each of the six wards. There can, however, only be one council representative from each ward, forcing candidates from the same area of the city to compete for voters' favor. Elimination of the ward system would place the top vote getters from the entire ballot on the council, irrespective of their home addresses.

> *"Elimination of ward system would place the top vote getters from the entire ballot on the council.*

As discussion of the issue continued, Council woman Kelly Skiff said that while she had been a supporter of the ward system, she no longer felt it was in the best interest of the community. Several council members agreed with Mayor John Rhaesa who said residents have asked for the elimination of the ward system.

Councilman Jeremiah Webster said his concern was the limitation of council candidates from the same area of the city.

The council is expected to discuss elimination of the ward system, a change to having only voters from each ward vote on their council representative or some variation of the current system.

Should council members opt to place more than one proposal for a change in the system on the November ballot, the system receiving the most votes would then be implemented in the city, according to officials.

Westland approves union agreement with police union

The city of Westland and members of the Westland Police Officers Association have reached an agreement on a new 4-year union contract.

Members of the Westland City Council approved the collective bargaining agreement with the union during the regular council meeting May 4. Some conditions in the new contract will be retroactive to July 1, 2019 and continue through June 30, 2023.

The Westland Police Officers Association (WPOAM) represents 43 patrol officers in the city. Union representatives and members of the city negotiating team negotiated the new four-year agreement which includes a 2-percent wage increase for each of the years of the agreement as well as a change of the pension multiplier used to determine the amount of retirement pensions. The new multiplier will increase from 1.8 percent to 2.25 percent on base wages, plus overtime for employees hired on or after July 1, 2014.

In an effort to reduce the city "legacy costs" for retirement benefits, the employee pension contribution will increase to 6 percent for officers hired prior to July 1, 2014 and an increase to 5 percent for employees hired on or after July 1, 2014. The agreement also adds an option of an alternative Defined Contribution Plan for new hires in lieu of enrolling in the Defined Benefit Plan.

"This agreement is the work of lengthy negotiations between the WPOAM union and the city's negotiating team," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

"This contract puts the city in a position to recruit the best and brightest from the police academy and will improve retention of our trained personnel."

Schools board members select new superintendent

The Wayne Westland Community Schools district now has a new superintendent.

Members of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education took advantage of current technology to choose John Dignan for the job during another electronic meeting May 4. Dignan was the unanimous choice of the board members who selected him by a 7-0 vote.

John Dignan

Dignan, Ed.S. is currently the director of post secondary options and community partnerships in the Southfield Public Schools district. He will leave that post and join Wayne-Westland in July in preparation for the reopening of schools in September following the negotiation and finalization of his employment contract with the district.

"We had two exceptional candidates," said Board President David Cox. 'John comes to us at a time when the district needs and deserves his level of leadership. The citizens have given us their confidence and I think people will see a real difference in our schools."

During the meeting, board Treasurer Tom Buckalew expressed his confidence in Dignan's selection.

"I'm convinced that Mr. Dignan is the best choice for our district at this time," Buckalew said.

Those sentiments were echoed by board Vice President Frederick Waver who said, ""It just became apparent to me that Mr. Dignan was ready for the job right now."

When notified of his selection during a phone call with Cox immediately following the vote, Dignan said he was looking forward to joining the district. He added that he "couldn't wait to get started."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
5 YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT AND
2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Canton Township announces the public comment period for amendments to the PY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and amendments to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan. The above named documents for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are available for inspection on the Canton Township website at https://www.canton-mi.org. Comments on the **CONSOLIDATED PLAN** and the **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN** will be accepted for 5 days, beginning May 14, 2020. Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the reports.

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Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CON PLAN &
Program Year (PY) 2019 Action Plan amendments

The Charter Township of Canton is amending its **5 Year Consolidated Plan July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021 and the Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2019 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020** for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds at **$336,372 increased to $551,572** due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act **(CARES ACT)** Funding of $215,200.

The Finance Department encourages all parties to participate at a VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 5:00 P.M. on the township website at www.canton-mi.org.** Otherwise all communications should be addressed in writing to the Financial Analyst, Canton Township- Finance Department, Mike Sheppard, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton , Michigan, 48188.

Canton will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing funding request proposals and in the review of program activities and program performance. In addition, Canton will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact Mike Sheppard at **(734) 394-5225**, e-mail mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org or in writing to the Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 **ATTN: 5 Year Consolidated/Annual Action Plan amendment Hearing.** Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

Mike Sheppard
Financial Analyst
Finance Department

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Councilwoman Tina Talley.
Pledge of Allegiance
The City Attorney explained the Governor's Executive Order 2020-15 to allow for members of a collective body to participate telephonically in a public meeting rather than being present during the Corona Virus period. They must be on a phone line where members can hear and be heard. Members participating telephonically count as being present. A quorum can be established and they get to vote on all resolutions.
Roll Call
Present: **Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams**
Electronically Present**: Kathy Abdo, John Barden**
Absent Excused: **William Wadsworth**
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney
Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden, relinquished the Chair to Councilwoman Talley.

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of the Agenda
   Motion Carried Unanimously.
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #20-093** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** for Approval of the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on March 9, 2020.
   Motion Carried Unanimously.
3. **Petitioner – None**
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Councilwoman Talley read a letter from Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden, and thanked the Mayor and the Administration for the proactive actions taken in response to the Corona Virus crisis.
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Chairperson's Report
   Motion Carried Unanimously.
5. **Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**

The Mayor invited Director Kevin Krause to give an update and report on the City's Emergency Action Plan in response to COVID-19 and the Governor's Executive Orders. Director Krause also explained the role of the NIMS System and update on Fire Department operations. • Chief of Police, Robert Pfannes gave an update on the Romulus Police Department operations. • City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock gave an update on 34th District Court operations as directed by an order issued from the Michigan Supreme Court. • Mayor Burcroff asked if everyone would put aside their differences and work together and rally around our residents and community.

Mayor Burcroff asked if council would suspend the April 6th Study Session and Regular Council Meetings in compliance with the Governor's Executive orders.
Res. #20-094 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to Suspend the April 6, 2020 Study Session and Regular Council Meeting.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Mayor Burcroff announced that Waste Management will continue its trash pick-up services and Yard Waste services will begin sometime in April.

A. **Res. #20-095** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Resolution for the City to continue the State of Emergency for the City of Romulus until Midnight, April 27, 2020 unless earlier terminated or elected by subsequent resolution.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
B. **Res. #20-096** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Resolution for the City to recognize the Romulus Public Safety Foundation as "Not For Profit Charitable Foundation" that exist to support our Police and Fire Departments.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
C. **Res. #20-097** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve and award Bid ITB 19/20-16, Merriman Place Water Main to the most responsive and responsible bidder and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract for the replacement of the 650 feet and 8-inch water main on Merriman Place with Blue Ribbon Contracting in the amount of $204,030.00 along with a 10% contingency to cover any unforeseen construction issues that may arise.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
D. **Res. #20-098** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve and award Bid ITB 19/20-26 to the lowest responsible, and responsive bidder, Green Meadow Lawnscape, Inc. for a three-year period ending March 2023 for the mowing and trimming of the Romulus Memorial Cemetery and Downtown alley maintenance and cutting for City of Romulus, City Clerk and DPW.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
E. **Res. #20-099** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve Introduction of Budget Amendment 19/20-17 to cover cost of City code required repairs/rehap of Firehouse, 35255 Goddard.

Fund/Dept ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General				
Fund Balance				
101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	5,965,710.00	(72,000.00)	5,893,710.00
Expense				
101-265-970.000	Capital Outlay	81,450.00	72,000.00	153,450.00

Motion Carried Unanimous

6. **Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #20-100** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the 2nd Reading; Final Adoption -PFG Romulus/Vistar Conditional Rezoning and Development Agreement, (Zoning Map Amendment), and Special Land Use.
   Motion Carried Unanimously.
   B. **Res. #20-101** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Motion to Amend Romulus Cemetery Rules & Regulations.
   Motion Carried Unanimously.
7. **Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
   FYI - Quarterly Investment Report ended 12/31/19. – No action required from council.
8. **Public Comment** - there were no requests to speak from the public audience or any written requests submitted. Councilwoman Williams read into the record a letter from a resident.
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
    Mayor Burcroff acknowledged and thanked OHM for their assistance with the teleconferencing technology for the council meeting.
11. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. #20-102** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of Warrant #20-6 for checks presented in the amount of $2,399,470.30. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
    B. **Res. #20-103** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Virginia Williams** for Approval of Warrant #20-6E for checks presented in the amount of $15,738.95. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication**
    Councilwoman Roscoe extended her gratitude to the DPW Workers, Fire and Police Departments and the Administration for all of their hard work in putting the residents first and keeping our community safe.
    • Councilwoman Webb acknowledged and thanked Technology Services, Fire and Police Departments for their hard work, and acknowledged Mayor Burcroff for his leadership; and the Elected Officials.
    • Councilwoman Williams acknowledged and thanked Mayor Burcroff. • -The City Clerk acknowledged and thanked OHM for their assistance with the teleconferencing. The Clerk acknowledged and thanked Technology Services, Mayor Burcroff , the Administration, Election workers, and Clerk's office staff for their assistance and support during the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.
    • Councilwoman Talley commented on the 2020 Census and reminded everyone to complete their survey.
13. **Adjournment**
    A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Adjournment of the meeting at 8:35 p.m.
    Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 23, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Jones

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barrier at Wayne County General Hospital, also known as Eloise. Mrs. Jones worked as a hospital attendant, a licensed attendant nurse II and a ward supervisor for 25 years in the psychiatric division of the hospital.

In the late 1970s, the Wayne County Intermediate School District and the County of Wayne formed a partnership to introduce high school students to the world of work. Mrs. Jones was selected to train and supervise the students in the filing division of the billing department.

Mrs. Jones retired in 1981 after 33 years of service.

Her deep commitment to fair and equal treatment prompted her to serve in several positions for Local 25 Council 25 AFSCME where she was an active member. For many years she served as the chief grievance writer on behalf of union members that resulted in the reversal of unfair practices. In addition, she served as Building Steward, Special Conference Member, Good and Welfare Committee and Nursing Office Liaison. During her employment, a group of employees joined together to form a committee named 'Just Friends." Mrs. Jones served as the secretary and the co-coordinator until the group was disbanded due to the deaths of many members.

Following her retirement at the age of 55, Mrs. Jones decided to fulfill a lifelong dream to attend college. She enrolled on a part-time basis in the Gerontology Program at Madonna University and earned a 30-Hour Certificate in Gerontology, an associate degree in Gerontology; a special certificate in Activity Therapy for the Elderly, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Gerontology with a minor degree in Journalism and Public Relations. She graduated with high honors in 1990, after having earned a 3.8 GPA. She was inducted into the Kappa Gamma Pi Sorority, a prestigious Catholic scholastic group. In 1989 she was presented the St. Catherine Medal by the faculty of Madonna University- the sole winner of the distinguished scholastic honor. An avid writer, she completed writing courses at Schoolcraft College and the University of Michigan Dearborn campus.

During more than seven decades, Mrs. Jones responded to requests for poems, tributes, helped write obituaries, (in some cases printing them at no cost whenever needed), resolutions, letters of recommendations, and proof-reading materials for college bound students. In 1997 the Cathedral Choir of Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church presented a play "The Womanless Wedding" written and directed by Mrs. Jones. In 2009 for the 85th Church Anniversary, she wrote and directed a skit entitled: "Appointed". In 2010, she compiled a history of the church, entitled: "Precious Memories" printed and published by B&D Graphic Design+ Pam.

In 1995, a special request was made by Inkster Mayor Hilliard L. Hampton, Jr. to the editor of the Inkster Ledger Star to appoint Theola and the late educator, Maude Reid and Karen Williams as special writers for a new section. "Inkster Good News".

Mrs. Jones was a volunteer tutor with the Inkster Literacy Council. She was a member of the Detroit Black Writers Guild and she participated in a poetry reading event in 1994 at Wayne State University Hilberry Theatre. She received a heart-warming reception for the reading of her poem, "Images" that depicted the life of slaves on southern plantations. The poem was published in the Detroit Black Writers Guild Anthology.

She was a devoted member of Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church which she joined at the age of 7.

She served on the Steward Board under the pastorate of five pastors and retired as Steward Emeritus after 40 years of service. She chaired the finance committee and she authored the very first Finance Committee Training Manual of Smith Chapel.

At the request of the Rev. Melvin D. Reed she coordinated the activities of the Senior Citizens Circle for 23 years. It was the first group for senior citizens in the history of the local church as well as in the Fourth Episcopal District. The organization was active visiting the sick and shut-in and hosting celebratory occasions for seniors throughout the metropolitan area.

Her pastor submitted her name to be included in the first Selected Registry of the African Methodist Episcopal published by the A.M.E. Church.

Mrs. Smith was active with a long list of groups, committees, choirs clubs and boards.at the church.

For several years she chaired the Focus Hope Food Program, the General Motors Food Program, Wayne County Food Program as well as the Federal FEMA Food Program. With the help of church volunteers food was distributed to the elderly and the low-income residents of the city. She championed the cause of those less fortunate all of her adult life.

For more than seven decades, Mrs. Jones was an integral part of many civic and community groups. In 1987, Councilman Ernest Hendricks submitted her name to represent the City of Inkster as one of the 150 First Lady of Michigan honorees at a ceremony in Lansing where she received a proclamation from. Paula Blanchard, the wife of then Gov. James Blanchard.

Among her many honors and accolades were: Key to the City of Inkster and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019 presented by Mayor Byron Nolen.

Theola Jones' memberships

Benefactor and Tree of Life Committee
Junior Choir
Junior Usher Board
Junior Missionary Group
Cathedral Choir
Inspirational Choir
Action Committee
Steward Board Emeritus
Pastor's Steward
Blood Donor's Club
Courtesy Club
Public Relations Chair
Finance Committee Chair
Organizer Senior Citizen's Circle
2nd Generation Lifetime Member
Charter Member Mother's Club
Mother of the Year Club
NAACP YOUTH GROUP
Inkster Literacy Council (Tutor)
Inkster Charter Commission Inkster Summerfest Committee
Inkster Friends of the Library
Inkster Committee for Literacy (Tutor)
Inkster Election Board
Inkster Goodfellows
Inkster Construction Board of Appeals
Inkster Head Start-Community Rep.
Inkster Democratic Club
Inkster RSVP
Inkster Pioneers
Inkster Missionary Group
Inkster Festival Commission
Inkster Commission On Aging
Inkster Advisory Board
Inkster 50th Anniversary Committee
Because Inkster Cares
Inkster Citizens Who Care
Multi-Cultural Society Madonna University
Detroit Black Writer's Guild
YWCA Board of Directors
Regional Advisory Board-Wayne County
Flora & Booker Dozier Scholarship Fund
Mayor Hilliard L. Hampton Jr. Youth Foundation
Wayne Metropolitan Community Service Agency
Out-Wayne County Head Start
Program-Community Rep.
Top Ladies of Distinction, Michigan Metro Chapter
Khamalaw White Scholarship Fund
Charmettes Social Club
Fred Hart Genealogical Society
Wayne County Retirees Club
Local 38 AFSCME

Among those left behind to honor her memory are her sons, Aaron III and Dennis (Regina); her daughter, Rita (Lloyd Edsel);; grandchildren, Lloyd III, Tamara (Michael Sr.), Tiffany, Arica and Stephanie; great-grandchildren: Micah, Michael Jr., Mackenzie, Jaden, Octavia, Leasia, and Lloyd IV; her brother, Willie B. (Maggie); brothers-in-law, Weaver Jones (Shirley) and Robert Jones (Ceneilla); sisters-in-law, Marian Allen, Esther Brown, Sharon Austin (Ulysses); many nieces, nephews and cousins along with special family friends, Sonya, Deloris and Chris and a host of beloved friends.

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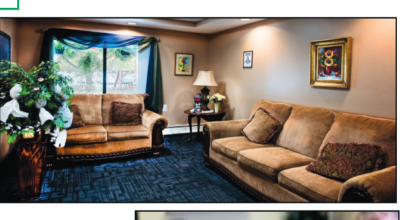

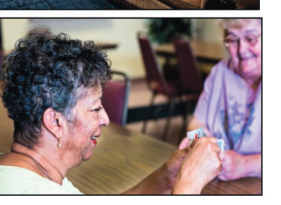
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Senior meals being served

Michigan recently received additional federal funding to help provide meals to older adults as the state responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs enable Michigan residents 60 years and older to obtain meals through home delivery and pick-up services.

The need for these services has increased as measures to slow transmission of COVID-19 have left many family caregivers unable to assist older loved ones. To abide by physical distancing of at least 6 feet, meal sites have also been temporarily closed, including the noon-time meal provided at Allen Terrace, the city-owned and operated senior resident community in Northville. Residents registered for the congregate program have been receiving food delivery that covers multiple meals during the week, through the program managed by Wayne County and a local Area Agency on Aging.

Seniors who need extra support at this time can now sign up for assistance, including meal delivery, delivery of non-perishable food items, and daily wellness-check calls, through the MDHHS coronavirus website.

Northville Senior Services, part of the Northville Parks and Recreation Dept., also offers wellness checks conducted by local volunteers. To learn more, contact Joyce Drever at (248) 305-2851 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday or email her at jdrever@twp.northville.mi.us.

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